

REMARKS

Claims 2-10, 21 and 24 are allowed. Claims 11-16 are rejected. Claims 2-16, 21 and 24 are pending.

As correctly noted by the examiner, claim 1 was previously canceled. The amended claims now correctly identify claim 1 as “Canceled”.

Claims 11-16 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically the examiner points out that the “male end” element recited in claims 11, 15 and 16 lacks proper antecedent basis. Each of claims 11, 15 and 16 are amended to read “a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said male rear segment; and a retainer axially retaining said female end over said male rear segment.” The amendment to the claims cures the antecedent basis without introducing any new matter or altering the scope of the claims. Therefore, the claims 11-16 are allowable and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant’s representative, Stephen Burch, at 248-283-0727, if any issues remain. No additional fees are believed to be due, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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